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The Honorable Barry M. Goldwater, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is with considerable unhappiness that I raise to you the subject of Committee staff member Angelo Codevilla's critical article that appeared in the summer issue of WASHINGTON QUARTERLY, juxtaposed as it was to your own constructive appraisal of the oversight process.

Particularly distressing is the fact that Mr. Codevilla's distorted or at least incomplete presentation as reported will lead most readers to conclude that they are the views and conclusions of the Committee, when in fact as we both know many members and staff strongly disagree. That readers will attach great credibility and authoritativeness to his views is borne out by the fact that they were immediately reported in the press. Moreover, we can expect they will also find their way into the growing number of intelligence courses being given at colleges and universities. His indictment also will be read by our liaison services with unpredictable consequences. I am especially appalled at the article's reliance on events and assessments that are now a number of years behind us while, at the same time, failing to take account of changes and improvements that have been made in recent years in all the measures he addresses -- in no small way thanks to the suggestions and support of the SSCI itself.

While we have worked hard to foster the effective and responsible oversight begun by our respective predecessors and have achieved a relationship that clearly serves the

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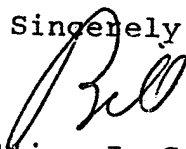
American people well, irresponsible and nonauthoritative indictment in the name of the Committee can only undermine its good work and this Agency's relationship with the Committee.

Out of respect for your many contributions and those of your colleagues I can only deplore Mr. Codevilla's actions and the inevitably counterproductive effect it must have on our continued good relationship.

You may wish to discuss this matter with Senator Wallop. I expect to do the same.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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cc; The Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan,  
Vice Chairman, Select Committee  
on Intelligence